for the relief and rehabilitation of the internally displaced persons in Sri Lanka. With a view to facilitating rehabilitation, Government is taking several steps including demining assistance, field hospital, medical assistance, shelter material and provision of housing and other civil infrastructure etc.

Tourist spots in Rajasthan

*287. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of main tourist spots in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of income accrued from them and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;

(c) the tourist (domestic/foreign) arrivals during the last three years;

(d) whether tourist traffic declined after 13 May, 2008 serial blasts in Jaipur and 26 November, 2008 attacks in Mumbai;

(e) the new places which are being demanded to be developed as tourist spots;

(f) the plans in this regard; and

(g) whether any proposals from Rajasthan are pending for clearance?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism and maintenance and upkeep of the State owned tourist spots is the responsibility of the State Government.

The number of tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned in the Eleventh Plan by the Ministry of Tourism are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
	Rajasthan	
	2007-08	
1.	Development of Shekhawati as a tourist destination	754.46
2.	Development of Floodlighting of monuments as a tourist circuit	800.00
	2008-09	
1.	Conservation, Restoration of Parkota and various Building Shergarh, Baran	461.44

1	2	3
2.	Conservation, Restoration and Development of Nahargarh Fort, Jaipur	432.06
3.	Ajmer-Pushkar Mega Project	1069.68
4.	Conservation and Restoration of Muchkund, Dholpur	441.21
5.	Conservation and Restoration of Hawa Mahal PH-II	360.66
6.	Conservation and Restoration of Jantar Mantar PH-II	193.90
7.	Conservation and Restoration of Bala Qila and Kankarwari Fort, Alwar	480.61
8.	Integrated Development of Udaipur	241.37
9.	New BG-II Palace on Wheels train under Large Revenue Generating scheme	750.00

The implementation of the tourism projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism, is primarily the responsibility of the State Government.

(c) and (d) The number of foreign and domestic tourist visits in Rajasthan during last three years *i.e.*, from 2006 to 2008 as per information provided by the State Government of Rajasthan is as follows:—

2006		2007		2008*	
Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
23483287	1220164	25920529	1401042	28358918	1477646

*tentative

The number of Foreign Tourist Visits in Rajasthan declined from 864543 during the period May to December, 2007 to 737165 during the corresponding period of 2008.

(e) to (g) Following proposals received from the State Government of Rajasthan, have been examined as per the extant guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism. The sanction of the project(s) is subject to adherence to the guidelines, *inter se* priority and availability of funds.

Sl. No.	Name of the project
1	2
1	Infrastructure development for Golf Course in Jaipur
2	Refurbishment of Sawai Mansingh Townhall, Jaipur
3	Amer Fort development project, Jaipur

1	2
4.	Project for conservation and development of Mayla Bagh, Jaipur
5.	Conservation, restoration and development of Ghat ki Guni Complex, Jaipur
6.	Hathi Gaon, Phase II Amer, Jaipur
7.	Conservation, Restoration and Development work of Taragarh Fort, Ghanta Ghar and Shaheed Smarak at Ajmer
8.	Conservation and restoration of Shiv Temple, Bandevra Ramgarh, Baran

Market share of BSNL and MTNL

*288. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the telecom connections, both landline and wireless lines, in the country;

(b) the market share of BSNL and MTNL in this respect;

(c) whether the market share of BSNL and MTNL has increased or reduced;

(d) if it has been reduced, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any remedial measures are being taken to restore the market share?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As on 31.05.2009, there are 37.66 million landline and 415.25 million wireless telephone connections in the country.

(b) As on 31.05.2009, market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is as follows:—

		Market share in percentage		
		Landline	Wireless	Total Telephones
BSNL		76.93	12.91	18.23
MTNL	Delhi	59.8	9.09	14.17
	Mumbai	70.19	12.39	19.69

(c) and (d) The market share of BSNL and MTNL has reduced. The decline in the share of public sector companies is due to the increasing competition and greater participation of the private telecom service providers. However, the subscriber base of BSNL has increased from 55.16 million as on 31.03.2006 to 82.58 million as on 31.05.2009 and that of MTNL from 5.92 million to 8.13 million.